

National Program Consultations and State Commission Input

From the 12/18/2009 AmeriCorps State and National Update newsletter:

"Commissions should currently be fielding calls and emails from multi-state programs who are interested in operating in their states. Commissions should be responding based on the consultation process they have put in place that might utilize the [form](#) developed by the working group. The multi-state applicants need to hear back from the commissions prior to the January 26 deadline because they need to describe the consultation in their application to the Corporation. However, more extensive discussions may continue in the following months.

Section 1311 of the SAA, Consideration of Applications, specifies that state commissions will provide input on national applications in their state:

(f) Views of State Commission—In making competitive awards under section 129(d), the Corporation shall solicit and consider the views of a State Commission regarding any application for assistance to carry out a national service program within the State.

In February, we will provide each commission with a list of national programs that propose to operate in their state, based on the multi-state applications that we receive. In early March, prior to the clarification period, you will be able to access a new screen in eGrants where you can enter your input on these applications. Application IDs and Legal Applicant name will be filled in for you. You will indicate if you support, are neutral, or do not support the application. As a reminder, while commission input is desired and will be considered, it is not determinative."

The Governor's Office of Community Service supports the following National or Multi-State programs requesting to work within Montana. The Governor's Office of Community Service supports an increase of AmeriCorps members within Montana which correlates to an increase of opportunities in Montana.

National or Multi State programs that have consulted with Montana

NAME	# OF SLOTS IN MT	Program Focus	MEMBER ACTIVITIES	BENEFICIARIES	PROPOSED SITES	MT comm. survey-support (y/n)
Equal Justice Works	13	Legal Counsel: housing, healthcare, education, ect	Provide legal services, help legal organizations expand services and build capacity	Low income and underserved individuals	MLSA (work within MLSA and at their sites)	Yes –(3)
Student Conservation Association	8	Build conservation leaders through hands on service and education	Perform the necessary on-the-ground data collection, education and physical service that allow natural resource professional to manage the natural and cultural resources.	Federal, state and local conservation lands including protected land in both rural and urban areas	Wisdom, Polson, Hungry Horse, West Yellowstone, West Glacier	Yes –(2)
UCAN Serve	236	Careers in the Common Good academic service. Align student service and academic programs.	Work within communities to address needs related to academics	medically underserved communities, high-need k-12, and communities	Montana Campus Compact	Yes-(1)
Fort Belknap Indian Community	30	Reservation-wide diabetes prevention education	Provide education and coaching regarding diabetes prevention	Medically underserved N.A.	4 community sites Agency, Hays, Lodgepole, Dodson	

These organizations have been operating in Montana previous to this year and the Governor's Office of Community Service will continue to obtain information and build relationships with these programs.